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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Mr. Randy Thomas  
City Manager  
P.O. Box 568  
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OR96-1773

Dear Mr. Thomas:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 101153.

The Hillsboro Police Department (the "department") received a request for "all offense reports involving" a certain individual. You claim that the requested information is protected from required public disclosure by section 552.101 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and have reviewed the documents at issue.

Where an individual's criminal history information has been compiled by a governmental entity, the information takes on a character that implicates the individual's right to privacy. *See United States Dep't. of Justice v. Reporters Comm. for Freedom of the Press*, 489 U.S. 749 (1989). Because the requestor has asked for all of the offense reports of a certain individual, we conclude that the department must withhold the information under section 552.101 of the Government Code. *See id.*; *see also* Gov't Code § 411.106(b).

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and should not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other

records. If you questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Ballard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "B".

Don Ballard  
Assistant Attorney General  
Open Records Division

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Enclosures: Submitted documents

cc: Mr. John Spangler  
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(w/o enclosures)